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4. *Importation of Sugar, Coffee, Tea and Iron.*

	Sugar, arrobas.	Coffee, quintals.	Tea, pounds.	Iron, quintals.
1844....	245,217	1,939	26,713	38,600
1845....	330,307	1,722	31,552	52,963
1846....	607,427	1,941	25,227	18,991
1847....	511,837	921	33,728	14,968
1848....	413,956	2,064	49,568	32,989
1849....	227,097	1,447	53,032	43,956
1850....	508,281	2,737	36,513	58,969
1851....	850,729	1,670	80,447	38,842
1852....	730,757	4,188	104,207	115,835
1853....	711,635	3,069	65,895	14,175
1854....	731,427	2,954	89,960	52,859
1855....	1,513,815	4,518	112,264	155,740

5. *Annual Movement of Commerce.*

Years.	Exports.	Imports.	Total.
1844....	\$4,881,561	\$8,596,674	\$13,478,235
1845....	5,623,181	9,104,764	14,727,945
1846....	6,340,384	10,149,136	16,489,520
1847....	7,021,334	10,068,849	17,090,183
1848....	7,234,469	8,601,557	15,836,026
1849....	9,424,220	10,722,719	20,146,939
1850....	11,392,452	11,788,195	23,180,647
1851....	9,666,354	15,884,972	25,551,326
1852....	12,216,486	15,347,332	27,563,818
1853....	11,230,844	11,553,696	22,784,539
1854....	14,627,156	17,428,299	32,055,453
1855....	17,676,911	18,433,287	36,110,198

6. *Commerce of Chile with the United States.*

(From U. S. Commerce and Navigation Tables.)			Value of Exports—		Value of Imports.	
	Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.			
1849..	\$1,722,457	\$294,643	\$2,017,100	\$1,817,723		
1850..	1,297,133	125,588	1,422,721	1,796,877		
1851..	1,608,877	286,428	1,895,305	2,734,746		
1852..	2,043,836	295,297	2,339,133	2,062,160		
1853..	2,157,320	169,117	2,326,437	2,214,252		
1854..	1,942,330	250,929	2,193,259	3,332,167		
1855..	2,994,231	432,026	3,426,257	3,518,896		
1856..	2,591,354	276,389	2,867,743	2,467,819		
1857..	2,473,228	433,957	2,907,185	3,742,439		
1858..	1,680,187	292,354	1,972,541	2,655,263		

7. *Mercantile Marine.*

	Vessels.	Tons.	Mcn.
1855-6	265	62,005	2,824
1847-8	105	12,628
Increase	160	49,377	—

WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND MONEYS.

Old System.—Those of Spain. See Ecuador.

New System.—Those of France. The dollar=5 francs. The condor=\$10. Sub-divisions in proportion.

MEXICO.

There are in this country 85 cities and towns, 193 large villages, 4,709 villages, 119 communities and missions, 175 hacienda or estates, and 6,092 farms. The population in 1850 was, according to official statements, 7,661,919; in 1854, 7,853,395, and in 1858, 7,859,564.

CENSUS OF OREGON, 1858.

Counties.	Populat'n.	Taxable Property.	Capitals.
Benton	2,497	\$1,390,610	Corvallis.
Clackamas	3,333	1,352,430	Oregon City.
Clatsop	416	216,377	Lexington.
Columbia	400	211,016	St. Helens.
Coos	223	65,851	Port Orford.
Curry	891	120,209
Douglas	2,105	954,793	Winchester.
Jackson	1,500	955,189	Jacksonville.
Josephine	1,100	113,767
Lane	4,395	1,548,644	Eugene City.
Linn	6,009	2,142,710	Ta-ke-nah.
Marion	7,413	2,299,709	Salem.
Multnomah	3,092	2,043,581
Polk	3,242	2,007,808	Dallas.
Tillamook	100	25,900
Umpqua	968	441,106	Elkton.
Wasco	600	221,680
Washington	2,271	845,010	Hillsboro'.
Yam Hill	2,823	1,506,880	Lafayette.
Total	42,862	\$18,463,372	
Total, 1853-33,324		4,578,033	
Increase in 5 yrs	9,538	\$13,885,339	

CENSUS OF LOUISIANA, 1858.

A Census of the State of Louisiana, taken last year, and lately published, gives an aggregate of 629,876. This compares with those of 1850 and 1854, as follows:

ABSOLUTE POPULATION.				
Years.	Whites.	Free Col.	Slaves.	Total.
1850	255,491	17,462	244,809	517,762
1854	301,102	23,272	263,815	588,189
1858	311,217	18,085	300,574	629,876

PROPORTION OF CLASSES.				
Years.	Whites.	Free Col.	Slaves.	Total.
1850	49.34	3.37	47.28	100
1854	51.19	3.96	44.35	100
1858	49.41	2.87	47.72	100

ABSOLUTE MOVEMENT.				
1850-54..	+45,611	+5,810	+19,006	+60,427
1854-58..	+10,115	+5,187	+36,759	+41,687

RELATIVE MOVEMENT.				
1850-54..	+17.81	+33.27	+7.77	+11.66
1854-58..	+3.35	-22.29	+13.93	+7.09

The population of New Orleans by the Census of 1858 is stated at 117,525; but this amount is said to be 40 or 50 per cent below its true value, the census having been taken during the season when a large portion of the inhabitants desert the city on account of the yellow fever.

GRANADAN CONFEDERATION.

This Federal State, formerly the Republic of New Granada, is composed of the following States:—Panama, population, 1858, 138,308;

Bolivar, 182,157; Magdalena, 73,093: Santander, 378,376; Antioquia, 224,442; Boyaca, 379,682; Cundinamarca, 517,648: Cauca, 330,331. Total population, 2,243,837.

QUERY—"HELL GATE?"

What is the true name of the passage in Long Island Sound, commonly called "*Hell Gate*?" I see it sometimes written *Hurl Gate*, and should be glad to know what is its proper name.—*Correspondent*.

Its proper name is *Hell Gate*, as we learn from the "*Novus Orbis*" of John de Laet, published at Antwerp by the Elzivirs in 1633. In the eighth chapter of his third book, devoted to a particular description of New Belgium, he thus writes:—"In interiorem hunc sinum, majoris fluvii ramus, aut ut alii volunt, alius amnis exit, quem nostri, inferni os, vulgo, *Helle Gat*, appellant, &c., &c."

"In this inner bay, a branch of a greater river, or as some will have it, another river makes out, which our people call *inferni os*; in common speech, *Hell Gate*."

The latin version of de Laet, *inferni os*, leaves no doubt that the original name bestowed by the Dutch was, the Gate of Hell, *Helle Gat*; or, as we say, *Hell Gate*.

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